# The Great Environmental defenders Research Project



Project Title	The Great Environmental defenders Research Project
Project Summary	Analysis of cases and trends in countries with the highest levels of violence against environmental defenders in order to determine how to reduce violence through protecting environmental defenders, preventing further violence, and furthering accountability for violence.
Country	United States
Country/Region of Focus	Global

## **Project Description**

NGO Global Witness reported 200 killings of environmental and land defenders in 24 countries in 2016 -- more than three people each week, an increase from prior years, and more than twice the number of journalists killed in the same period. Global Witness documented more than 1376 killings of environmental and land defenders since 2002, with many deaths going unreported; many more environmental defenders face abduction, assault, and other threats.

In numerous international fora, this issue is emerging as a critical problem largely unaddressed by governments. The violence is damaging U.S. foreign policy interests relating to the environment, democracy and governance, commerce, energy, and law enforcement. To reduce this violence, OES needs virtual interns to assist a senior advisor for environment as she develops a proposed approach for the Department, coordinates with other U.S. agencies, and ideally positions our strategy to inform a global response.

## **Required Skills or Interests**

# Skill(s) Analytical writing Data analysis Data visualization Economic analysis Editing and proofreading Graphic design Infographic design

Political Analysis
Research
Storytelling/blogging/vlogging
Writing

## **Additional Information**

Zach Shulman shulmanzachm@gmail.com was selected to be an intern in our office working with Deborah Klepp in connection with a program at his, school the University of Delaware for spring cycle 2020. However, has yet to obtain his security clearance. We would like for him to be able to begin working on the research for this project as we continue to wait for his clearance. That way he will still be in compliance with the requirements for his University program.

# **Language Requirements**

None